

Base Briefs

BASE CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY

The African American Association holds Black Expo 2002 - Unity Through Diversity, Feb. 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Services Center. The association needs people to exhibit displays, share poems or contribute food dishes. For information, call Capt. Joe Battle at 606-8700.

SPEAK TODAY, SHAPE TOMORROW

The Air Force Chief of Staff wants Air Force people's opinions. The survey runs through March 8. Members can take the survey from a government computer at <http://csafsurvey.af.mil> or from a non-government computer at <http://www.csafsurvey.com>.

BASE SPOTLIGHTS WINNERS

The base's Annual Awards Banquet is Tuesday at the Pacific Coast Club beginning at 6 p.m. Military attire for the evening is the mess dress or semi-formal uniform. Civilians may wear formal business attire.

GENERAL SETS HALF-DAY FEB 15

Feb. 15 is a half-day for 14th Air Force. Additionally, Feb. 22 is a goal day. Military members not required for mission-essential duty are authorized time off. For civilians, normal rules still apply for requesting and approving leave. Supervisors should make this time available for all non-mission essential members.

HOSPITAL CLOSURES FEB 15, 18, 22

The 30th Medical Group is closed Feb. 15 at noon. The clinic is open Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for pharmaceutical and acute care needs and for previously scheduled appointments. The clinic is also closed Feb. 18 and Feb. 22. If a need arises for emergency care, patients should use the nearest emergency room.

AFSA HOLDS ELECTIONS

Air Force Sergeant's Association Chapter 1356 holds its monthly general membership meeting Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Services Center. Annual chapter elections are on this meeting's agenda. Members interested in serving as chapter officer or to make a nomination call Master Sgt. Glen Eckart at 606-5811.

VEAT MEETS FEB. 21

The Vandenberg Enlisted Action Team meets Feb. 21 at 7:30 a.m. in the Breakers Dining Facility. VEAT keeps wing leadership apprised of enlisted issues. Call Senior Airman Elisa Delgado at 606-1942 for information.

GC '02 KICKS OFF

The 30th Space Wing's Guardian Challenge 2002 Kickoff is Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. Free pizza and refreshments are provided. The event introduces Vandenberg's GC '02 competitors.

VAFB set to launch Delta II

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30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Team Vandenberg is set to launch a Boeing Delta II rocket carrying five Iridium satellites into a low-earth orbit today at 10 a.m. from Space Launch Complex-2 on North Vandenberg.

Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander, will be the spacelift commander for this mission.

The satellites will serve as spares for Iridium Satellite's global voice and data communications network. This mission marks the 101st Boeing Delta II mission since 1989 and the 12th Iridium launch since 1997.

Between May 1997 and November 1998, Delta II vehicles, launched from Vandenberg successfully placed 55 of Iridium's satellites into low-earth orbit.

A constellation of 66 low-earth orbiting Iridium satellites will provide global satellite voice and data solutions with complete coverage of the Earth including oceans, airways and Polar Regions.

Iridium currently provides service to the U.S. Department of Defense under a multi-year contract.

For more information about the Iridium payloads or the Delta II rocket visit the following websites at www.iridium.com or www.spacecom.af.mil/hqafspc/library/default.htm.



PHOTO BY CHARLIE BROOKS JR.

Five communication satellites sit on top of a Delta II rocket at Space Launch Complex-2 awaiting final preparation for launch set for today at 10 a.m.

Air Force remains committed to AEF rotation

BY TECH. SGT. TIM DOUGHERTY
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The combination of America's war on terrorism and steady state commitments worldwide has put increased strain on the Air Force's aerospace expeditionary forces. However, except for a few stressed career fields, officials at the Pentagon say normal rotations should be back soon.

"Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper is committed to the AEF construct — a three-month deployment with a 12-month period at home," said Maj. Gen. Jeffrey B. Kohler, director of operational plans, deputy chief of staff for air and space operations.

"Given the war on terrorism, we had to go through a momentary blip in our rotation schedule," he said. "However, it looks like we're going to be on time in bringing home about 90 percent of the people who are currently deployed. We will rotate the forces deployed for operations Enduring Freedom, Northern Watch and Southern Watch so that those who deployed first will be allowed to rotate home first to the maximum extent possible."

There are some exceptions, Kohler said. While Air Force leaders are working hard to come up with a solution, a very small number of career fields may not be able to rotate as scheduled, he said.

"We know that there are some

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Team V majors make lieutenant colonel

This year's 01-A lieutenant colonel central selection board selected 1304 majors for promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

The following ten majors were selected for promotion from Vandenberg.

Kenneth Allison
614th Space Operations Squadron
Bruce Hellen
76th Helicopter Flight
Scott Hower
14th Air Force
William Moschelle
Space and Missile System

Center
Heinrich Rieping
14th Air Force
Vincent Ries
30th Weather Squadron
Shawn Rife
22nd Space Operations Squadron
David Salm
2nd Space Launch Squadron
Lee Shick
30th Mission Support Squadron
Ronald Thompson
14th AF

Channel 2 leaps forward

MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Team Vandenberg will soon see a vastly different look on the commander's access channel.

The Team Vandenberg Network or channel 2 as it is commonly referred to, will display state-of-the-art graphics, electronic images and play digital programs like Air Force News or 30th Communications Squadron productions.

The major differences between the old and new system is that videos or slides had to be played off an analog tape or created on a character generator, said Mark Ferguson, 30th CS television editor. With the new system, elements like slides and video are converted to

digital files for broadcasting on Team Vandenberg News.

The entire broadcasting and authoring system is run through a computer that's totally dedicated to channel 2, Ferguson continued. The advantage is that less things can go wrong with the system. Everything is backed up on a computer and can easily be restored should a problem occur. Eventually it will take less people and less man-hours to air programming and operate the system.

Ferguson said the new look is a lot more pleasing to the eye. Features include videos, graphic and photographic images displayed in conjunction with base messages and announcements.

The TVN is a stark contrast to the current system which limits programming options to changing screen and text colors, said Chris Zenor 30th CS chief of motion media.

Another benefit of the system is that customers who want to broadcast a message on TVN can soon e-mail it or bring an electronic version of it to the public affairs office.

Then it's simply a matter of editing and in-putting the information into the computer system for broadcast.

The Team Vandenberg Network is targeting the month of February to begin its new line up of programming. Stay tuned Team "V."

AFSPC chiefs induct commander into elite circle

BY STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Team Vandenberg was on hand to witness the Air Force Space Command Order of the Sword ceremony held at Peterson AFB Jan. 25.

Command chief master sergeants, Ronald "Ron" Kriete, 14th Air Force, and Michael Morey, 30th Space Wing, paid tribute to Gen. Ed Eberhart, AFSPC commander, who was inducted into the Order of the Sword.

As the commander's leaders, as well as commander in chief of U.S. Space Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, Eberhart joins a short list of just over 200 Air Force commanders who have received the time-honored sword. The sword is a symbol of respect paid rarely by the enlisted corps for their leaders' abilities and support of the enlisted forces. Eberhart is the sixth in AFSPC since the command's inception in 1982.

"This award is special to me because it comes from a special group — the Air Force enlisted force.

To be honored by these professionals is humbling and truly the highlight of my career," said Eberhart. "It exceeded my wildest expectations."

The ceremony was postponed from the original Sept. 28, 2001, date after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The delay did not soften the impact. The general was brought to the front of the Colorado Springs hotel by horse-drawn stagecoach in honor of Colorado's western past. Inside the large ballroom, the stage was festooned with a mammoth American flag backdrop as more than 500 cheering attendees gave standing ovation after standing ovation during the ceremony. The honor guards from across the command were present in their sharpest regalia. The Band of the Rockies brought the house down with one show-stopping tune after another.

Kriete served as the event's first sergeant for the evening.

The chief said, "as I looked out across the 500 plus airmen in attendance, all showed expressions of pride and professionalism. It

made me proud to be an airman in the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Space Command." He went on to say, "It was evident the troops were all there to deliver a resounding message. 'We stand before you tonight Gen. Eberhart, to honor you as a leader among leaders and an Airmen among Airmen.'"

Morey said the ceremony is one rich in history and steeped in tradition making it the finest ceremonial military event he's ever seen or been involved in.

"The pomp and circumstance is unlike anything I've experienced," he said.

"A sword is the symbol of truth, justice, and power and Gen. Ed Eberhart truly exemplifies the characteristics of the sword for all the enlisted men and women of this great command," the chief said.

AFSPC Command Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Estrem served as the sergeant major for the program. As the primary emcee, he was impressed with the enthusiasm of the moment and the dignity of the ceremony.

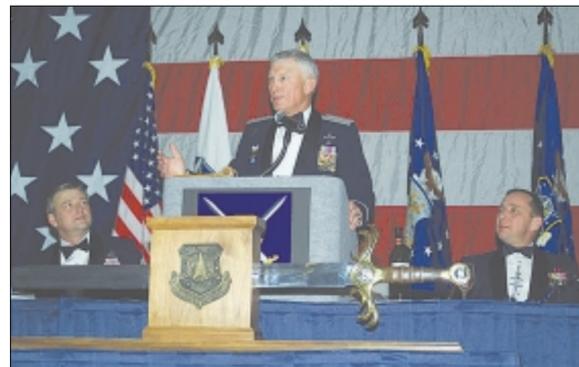


PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. ALEX LLOYD

Gen. Ed Eberhart, flanked by Chief Estrem (left) and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Frederick Finch, thanks the enlisted corps for his induction into the Order of the Sword.

"I don't know how it could have been any better," he said. "It was a real Hollywood production. The general was honored and humbled. But he's earned it, and we wanted to do it up right for him."

"It was the first time I've ever been to an Order of the Sword ceremony," said Master Sgt. Peggy Scott, the chief of career manage-

ment for AFSPC Reserve Forces. "I walked out with a lot of pride."

In remarks to the audience, the general spoke of the reliability of AFSPC's enlisted force.

"You should understand how important what you do is," he said. "We thank you and challenge you.

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The "Space & Missile Times" spotlights all Team Vandenberg Annual Award nominees. See Page 6 & 7.



Support Group. Photo page highlights group's mission and personnel as part of Team Vandenberg. See Page 12.

Weekend forecast
Mostly Sunny.



For a full VAFB weather report visit www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather/index.html

Celebrate!



SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Team Vandenberg packs the Pacific Coast Club during this year's National Prayer Luncheon Monday. Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Charles Baldwin, deputy chief of the Air Force Chaplain Service was the guest speaker.

Raves hit off-limits list

BY CAPT. CHRISTOPHER MORGAN
30th Space Wing Staff Judge Advocate

Prompted by a dramatic increase in the number of prosecutions of military members assigned to Vandenberg AFB for illegal use of club drugs, most commonly ecstasy, Colonel Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commadner, recently gave an order prohibiting attendance at "Raves" and Rave-like events.

A survey of the evidence presented in these drug prosecutions indicated clearly that the drug use was almost always associated with "Raves" where many of those convicted felt pressured to use illegal drugs. Command action was therefore deemed appropriate to prevent service members from being exposed to or victimized by these crime-conducive conditions.

The order recognizes that a "Rave" may take various forms and be held at various locations, but delineates the common characteristics frequently associated with such events:

- ◆ They are usually all-ages events.
- ◆ Hours of operation often

continue until the early morning hours.

- ◆ House or techno style music is played and attendees frequently dance holding glow sticks.

- ◆ People wear pacifiers, surgical masks and use otherwise legal substances, such as Vick's Vapor Rub to enhance the effects of illegal drugs.

In addition, the order further prohibits attendance at events, gatherings or locations, the primary purpose of which is the consumption, use or sale of illegal drugs.

Such locations include such obvious places as crack houses, opium dens and hash bashes.

The order however, is not intended to prohibit attendance at conventional licensed establishments in the business of selling alcoholic beverages that keep normal business hours (bar, taverns, etc.) unless such establishments facilitate "Rave" atmospheres.

Neither does the order prohibit attendance at musical events or performances such as concerts or festivals. The order also contains a mechanism whereby a member

can, if unsure whether an event falls within the prohibitions of this order, request permission from their unit commander to attend.

The order, which applies to all members of this command as well as tenant units, provides that attending a "Rave" or Rave-like event without authorization is punishable under Articles 90 or 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice. In addition, it applies at all times, including when a member is in leave status. Currently, every unit is taking measures to ensure that each of its members are briefed and acknowledge the terms of the order.

This order will remain in effect from 28 January 2002 to 31 July 2002, after which it will be reviewed and a determination made whether it shall be extended.

"The bottom line," said Lt. Col. Mike Fleming, 30th SW Staff Judge Advocate, "is that this is a readiness issue and the presence of military members at 'Raves' is contrary to the health, morale, discipline, readiness and personal safety of our members."

Commander's Action line



**Col. Robert M. Worley II
Commander,
30th Space Wing**

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence.

Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me.

It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back.

I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every

response.

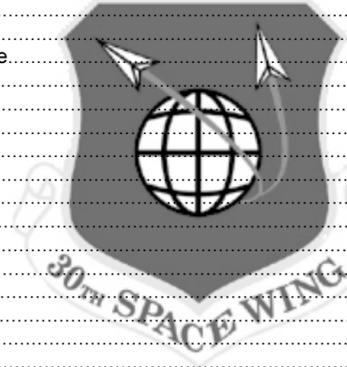
While the Commander's Action Line is a great way to communicate, don't forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials, and many other base professionals.

Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live. When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

Action line 606-7850

or e-mail your message to actionline@vandenberg.af.mil

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AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JESSICA RAMOS

Tech. Sgts. Ken Bennet (front), and Sal Shipman, 30th Comptroller Squadron, volunteer to hang drywall.

Team V supports Lompoc youth

BY STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Working steadily for more than a year now, volunteers from the base and surrounding communities have erected a permanent home for the Lompoc Valley Community Youth Center.

Chief Master Sgt. Archie Mitchell and Senior Master Sgt. Cliff Tebbe, both of 14th Air Force, are spearheading the volunteer effort for the base and as Tebbe said, "It's been a labor of love."

Dr. Gloria Willis and her husband, Clarence, began the project

several years ago when state and county grants for a Lompoc youth center ended.

"I got my husband to mortgage his debt-free home to buy that property," Willis said.

Using their own home as collateral, the couple purchased property on the corner of K and College streets, across from Lompoc High School. The couple's dream of finding a permanent home for the youth center took a giant leap forward.

That dream took a short detour, however, when a local contractor informed the Willis' that it would

cost upwards of \$150,000 to complete the project.

But it was a noble cause and the Willis' refused to be so easily deterred. The contractor decided to donate the labor and coordinate getting the equipment necessary to get started.

Since then, the Defense Reutilizing and Marketing Office here donated three temporary modular facilities and base people have lent countless hours to turn those mods into one permanent structure for the center.

When it officially opens for business sometime around May, the youth center will offer not only games like soccer, basketball and boxing to area young people but computer classes, counseling and tutoring as well.

"I make them do their homework," Willis said. "That's the most important thing."

"You can't ever offer enough programs for kids in a community," Mitchell said.

Years after claiming the title of U.S. Air Forces Europe light heavyweight boxing champion, Mitchell got involved with the Lompoc Boxing Club. He needs a permanent place to house the club and the community youth center looks like the perfect partner.

Since last January, Mitchell, Tebbe and their band of base volunteers have hung drywall, painted, done interior construction, mowed lawns and helped put a new roof on the facility. Once it's complete, Mitchell will need help fund-

ing and building a permanent box-

ing ring at the center.

As an Air Force Reservist, Mitchell spent the last 20 years working full-time for the Federal prison system. During that time he met a lot of people who he feels could have been helped by a center like the Lompoc Valley Community Youth Center.

"A lot of people who are incarcerated just didn't have positive options in their youth," Mitchell said. "I see this as a positive option for kids that may be heading down the wrong road."

There's still a lot of work to be done before the center is ready to open its doors, Mitchell said. Among other interior finishing touches, the kitchen needs a stove and refrigerator and the parking lot needs to be paved.

The volunteer opportunities won't stop once the center is open either, Tebbe said. Once construction is complete and the center is open, the Willis' will still need help to staff it.

"Kids used to stand in front of the bike store here and watch the kids from the rec center across the street get on the bus for field trips," Willis said. "These kids didn't have any money to go on field trips, but they needed a drug-free place to go and hang out."

There won't be any membership fees or dues for the children at the youth center but the Willis' will need to raise funds for things like sports uniforms and buses to and from competitions.

To volunteer, call Mitchell at 605-8081 or the Willis' at 735-6433.

Ride to top worth wait

BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

They began their Air Force careers before some of the airmen they lead were even born. The stripes they proudly wear seem to stretch from their elbows to their shoulders – veritable shields. They are at the pinnacle of their careers – they are chiefs.

Saturday, Team Vandenberg recognizes six airmen for achieving the rank of chief master sergeant when the Chiefs' Group holds its annual induction ceremony.

"Going through the Chief's Induction Ceremony was one of the proudest moments in my military career," said Chief Master Sgt. Greg Egan, an inductee in last year's ceremony. "What made it even more special was that I had my wife and three children with me to celebrate the occasion."

For Egan, making the top enlisted grade was an eye-opening experience.

"My focus could no longer be just work center, branch, unit or even squadron-centric – I needed to be available to all enlisted, regardless of affiliation," the Vandenberg Chiefs' Group president said.

It takes patience and perseverance to make chief, for many the wait is too long.

To illustrate, Egan said, "Have you ever stood in line for a popular 'scream' ride at a major theme park?" The lines go on forever and one begins to wonder if they'll ever make it to the front.

"But, unbelievably, once you finally get to the ride, there's a sense of major joy – and a little apprehension, well, maybe a lot!" he said. "An enlisted member on the road to making chief needs to 'stand in line' for a very long time in most cases."

"Just like in a theme park, some can't stand the wait, and they get out of line," Egan said.

One of this year's inductees stayed in line as long as he could.

After wearing senior master sergeant stripes for nine years, Chief Master Sgt. John Gunther, 14th Air Force security forces manager, was No. 3 on the selection list.

While he said the wait was worth

Chief Inductees

- Chief Master Sergeant **John Gunther** – 14th Air Force
- Chief Master Sergeant **Hugh AI** – 61st Civil Engineer Division, Los Angeles AFB
- Chief Master Sergeant **Randy Tillman** – National Reconnaissance Office
- Chief Master Sergeant select **Fred Miller** – 30th Communications Squadron
- Chief Master Sergeant select **Philip Cope** – 2nd Space Launch Squadron
- Chief Master Sergeant select **Clifford Tebbe** – 14th AF

it, it came at a price.

"I wish my father was alive to see this accomplishment," Gunther said. His wife, Tech. Sgt. Maria Gunther of the 30th Communications Squadron, and many friends will join him for Saturday's event.

For Gunther, taking care of people is job No. 1.

"Our airmen get the job done," he said. "We need to continue mentoring our force because they ensure mission accomplishment."

Egan said the induction drives that very point home.

"The ceremony is an opportunity to charge our new chiefs and help them realize the weight and responsibility they now carry as a member of the Air Force's highest enlisted cadre," Egan said.

The event's guest speaker is retired Chief Master Sgt. John Prossor. The chief served at Vandenberg during the early 1980s working on various programs associated with the activation of the space shuttle program here. He retired from Det. 9, Space and Missile Systems Center with more than 30 years in the Air Force.

The 2002 Chief Induction Ceremony kicks off with a social hour at 6 p.m. Dinner follows at 7 p.m. Military attire for the evening is mess dress or semi formal uniform. Civilian attire is formal wear or coat and tie.

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stressed career fields, such as security forces, combat communications and firefighters, that might have to stay a little longer," Kohler said. "But that's not to say that absolutely everyone in those career fields will be staying longer."

The deployment picture will start to come into focus by the middle of February when the Air Force begins scheduling for the rotation in March, he said.

"It might work out that only one or two unit type codes out of an entire civil engineering squadron might be the stressed career field," Kohler said. "We just don't know yet because we haven't gotten down to that level of fidelity."

The performance of the AEF in Operation Enduring Freedom is what caused the stress on certain career fields in the first place, Kohler said.

"The Air Force is sort of a victim of its own success," Kohler said. "The reason we are stressed is simple - we do such a great job. We went out and set up these bases and started generating sorties as soon as we were asked. I think the results speak for themselves in the war on terrorism in Afghanistan. The (U.S.) Central Command commander in chief could not have done what he did without the superb work of all the airmen who went out and set it up."

To ease the problems the Air Force has in stressed career fields under current requirements, about

10 percent of the people will stay deployed a little longer - some up to 135 days; others, up to 179 days, Kohler said. To cover the overlap, the second part of the solution will be to reach into the next AEF and bring replacement unit type codes forward about 45 days. Any reduction in current requirements may get the AEF cycle on track a little bit quicker, he said.

Another way to relieve some of the burden on our deployed people is to find additional airmen who normally do not deploy and place them in an AEF library.

"We'd like to be able to find people we haven't originally had in an AEF library who can deploy but normally don't," Kohler said.

Other fixes for stressed career fields will take some time and may only be resolved with increased manpower. Although the Air Force has asked for an end-strength increase of about 22,000 with 7,000 requested for this year, because of training requirements, this is a long-term solution, Kohler said.

"This is an extraordinary time for the Air Force and our country," Jumper recently told commanders. "The nation is grateful for the sacrifices our airmen continue to make in meeting our commitments to fight the war on terrorism and defend the American homeland. The secretary and I are proud of the job you are doing and we are personally committed to maintaining the AEF rotation schedule to the greatest possible extent."

SWORD: Chief's vote unanimously

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We will never be able to thank you enough for what you do. You serve so selflessly. I believe you are the heroes - the men and women of the armed forces. Our nation knows whom to call. They know whom they can rely on. You're not going to let them down. I'm blessed to serve with you."

All command chiefs of AFSPC must agree in a vote to honor the nominee for an Order of the Sword. If just one says no, the award is not given.

Judging from the heartfelt emo-

tion shown at the ceremony, it was an easy vote for the chiefs.

There was enough enthusiasm to go around. There were many standing ovations at the ceremony - one was even reserved for Estrem for his efforts in bringing the ceremony to fruition, despite the war against terrorism.

"The general prompted it with his comments. It's the first time I've ever received a standing ovation from 520 cheering people," the chief said. (Master Sgt. Austin Carter, AFSPC Public Affairs contributed to this story.)

Community Calendar

EVENTS

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The Women's History Month committee sponsors an **essay and poster**

contest. The slogan this year is "Women sustaining the American Spirit." Students in the Lompoc School District and base children who are home schooled or enrolled in private schools in grades K through 12 may participate. Prizes include savings bonds and scholarships. For details, call Susan Haury at 605-6237 or visit her in Bldg. 10577 room B-108.

Outdoor Recreation needs Vandenberg Whitewater Rafting Team guide volunteers. Team guides must be adventurous, fun-loving, hardworking and outdoors oriented. They're responsible for planning, logistics, guiding and client safety during trips to the Kern River in the southern Sierra Mountains. Guide positions are limited and no experience is necessary. After passing a moderate physical fitness test, new guides receive all required training. Volunteers must be over the age of 21 and be active-duty, Guard, Reserve, DoD civilian or a dependent. The team's first meeting will be in early February at a date to be determined. Those interested should call Staff Sgt. Jeff Martineau at 605-7617.

People can visit the **Health and Wellness Center's Relaxation Room** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. HAWC guests may enjoy the massage chair, listen to soft music and melt their stress away. Call the HAWC at 606-2221 to reserve a 30-minute session.

12 TUE Vandenberg Federal Credit Union is selling **Krispy Kreme doughnuts** to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. Place pre-paid orders at any VFCU branch. VFCU members can place orders over the phone. For more information or to place orders, call 734-8550. Order by 5 p.m. Tuesday for branch delivery Thursday.

There is **tea party** for children 4 to 6 years old at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Pioneer Park Building in Lompoc. Children may bring their favorite doll and learn the basics of good manners in a fun environment. Reservations must be made in advance by calling the Lompoc Parks and Recreation Department at 736-6565. Cost is \$12 per child.

15 FRI Lompoc Unified School District **schools and offices are closed** Feb. 15 in observance of President Lincoln's birthday. Schools and offices are also closed Feb. 18 in observance of

President's Day.

In a tribute to jazz vocalist Sarah Vaughn, the **Santa Barbara Symphony presents Dianne Reeves** at 8 a.m. Feb. 15. For more information, call (805) 963-4408.

Beginning Feb. 15, Lompoc Civic Theatre presents **"Mornings at Seven."** Performances of this family comedy by Paul Osborn start at 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays. Call 735-2281 for tickets.

21 THU The staff and students at **Los Padres Elementary School** invite

Vandenberg military members to the school for a program honoring military personnel. The event takes place at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 in rooms 5 and 9 of the school. The program includes singing, dancing and a rhythm band. Military members should wear their uniforms. Make reservations with Susie Reilly at 734-2524 by Thursday.

There is a **post-deployment party** Feb. 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel 1 Annex. Honorees include those returned from TDY or deployment of more than 30 days between June 2001 and January 2002. Sign up with Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Husfelt via base e-mail by Feb. 18.

4 MON Public school students who want to attend a school other than their school of residence must have a parent or guardian apply for a transfer. To be included in the **lottery for the 2002 - 2003 school year**, applications must be in by March 4. Students now enrolled with a transfer need not reapply to remain at their present school. Applications are available at all school locations and the Lompoc Unified School District Central Attendance office at 1301 North A. Call 736-2371 for more information.

CLASSES

8 FRI **Bundles for Babies** is today from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Family Support Center. This is an informal workshop for expectant parents to meet other expectant parents, learn more about parenting skills and receive a free gift for the baby. Parents also receive information on lifestyle changes, infant CPR, financing, the Nursing Moms and Give-Parents-a-Break Programs and more. Classes are open to everyone and are not limited to a first pregnancy. Call Lyn Smith at 605-8551 to register.

The Health and Wellness Center offers **T.G.I.F. Lunchtime Relaxation** every Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the HAWC. Linda Bastine guides participants

through various exercises for mind relaxation. By relaxing the mind, the body also benefits. This is one of many ways to manage stress. No registration is required. For more information, call Linda Bastine at 606-9958.

12 TUE There is a **Financial Workshop for Individual Investors** Tuesday through Feb.

15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Family Support Center. The class teaches what drives the stock market, different types of stock, how to evaluate a company and how stocks fit into individual investment portfolio needs. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 to register.

There is a **Stamp Your Way to Art** class, Tuesday through Feb. 26 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Anderson Recreation Center. This course is for the beginner and the seasoned stamper. The fee for the class is \$24, plus there is a \$7.50 materials fee payable to the instructor. Call 736-6565 to register.

14 THU The next **U.S. Citizen Exam Preparation Class** is at 1 p.m. Thursday in the

Family Support Center. Participants will learn application procedures, sample questionnaires and get tips on other intricacies of becoming a U.S. citizen. For more information, call Sunny Park at 605-0134.

16 THU The Lompoc Parks and Recreation Department offers a **Novice Dog Obedience class**, Saturdays, Feb. 16 through March 23. The class is from 11 a.m. to noon at Ryon Park and costs \$78. Dogs are taught to walk quietly on a leash, to come and stay on command and other basic skills. Dogs must be at least four months old and proof of current vaccinations is required. An **Advanced Novice Dog Obedience class** is also available from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for \$90. Call 736-6565 to register for either class.

19 TUE The Family Support Center provides a new workshop on **How to Start Your Own Business**. The class is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 19. Topics include general licensing requirements, business plans, applying for VA Small Business Administration Loans, components of a business plan and resources available in every state. Call Sunny Park at 605-0134 for more information.

MEETINGS

12 TUE The **Lompoc Valley Bicycle Club** meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each

African-American history brain teaser tests Team V

Match the column on the right with the column on the left by placing the appropriate alphabetical letter.

1. James P. Beckwourth
2. Barney Ford
3. Aunt Clara Brown
4. Jack Johnson
5. William Grant Still
6. Archibald Grimke
7. Hatshepsut
8. Makeda
9. Florence Mills
10. Bessie Smith
11. William Still
12. Charlotte Hawkins Brown
13. Granville T. Woods
14. Percy L. Julian
15. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- A) Consul in Dominican Republic
- B) First Official Pioneer
- C) "Let no man drag you so low as to hate"
- D) Mountain Pass
- E) Composer
- F) Soybean Chemist
- G) Queen of the Blues
- H) Wife of King Solomon
- I) Founder of Palmer Memorial Institute
- J) Wrote "The Underground Railroad"
- K) The Black Edison
- L) Hotel Tycoon
- M) Female Pharaoh
- N) Appeared in "Shuffle Along"
- O) Heavyweight Champ

The answers to last week's quiz are as follows:

1. every two and half days
2. Three million
3. the Right to Vote
4. The WPA
5. Sojourner Truth

month at the Baker's Square Restaurant on North H Street in Lompoc. The group is family and singles oriented and consists of about 30 members ranging in age from 1 to 70 years. Activities range from casual, mountain and road-bike rides to cross-country road rides. There are also regularly scheduled rides to Buellton and Orcutt for breakfast.

Vandenberg's Single Parents' Support Group meets for lunch every second and fourth Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. The group is for Vandenberg's military and civilian single parents. The next meeting is Tuesday.

13 WED The **National Society of Military Widows, Central Coast Chapter 44** meets the second Wednesday of every month. During Wednesday's meeting, Gene Stevens of the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce speaks on the history of the Lompoc murals. Widowers are also welcome. The meeting is at 2 p.m. in the Retiree Activities Office. For more information, call 606-5474.

The **Child Development Center Family Advisory Board Meeting** is at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the base Library, conference room A. Parents and staff discuss issues about daycare at the CDC and in base home daycare homes. Officers will be voted on at this meeting.

19 TUE The **Vandenberg Spouses' Club** meets Feb. 19 at the Pacific Coast Club for Bunko and pizza. No experience is needed. Sign up with Dawn Orban at 734-2218.

AT THE MOVIES

The theater is closed today through Sunday

Feb. 15

How High

Starring Method Man and Redman.

Desperate to diversify the student body, Chancellor Huntley lures Jamal and Silas to Harvard. Silas and Jamal get into the swing of campus life and even fall in love. Rated R.

Feb. 16 and 17

A Beautiful Mind

Starring Russell Crow and Ed Harris.

In 1947, mathematician John Forbes Nash, Jr. made an astonishing discovery early in life and stood on the brink of international acclaim. But his ascent into the intellectual stratosphere drastically changes course when Nash's intuitive brilliance is undermined by schizophrenia. Facing challenges that have destroyed others, Nash fights back, with the help of his devoted wife, Alicia. Rated PG-13.

All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

S 30th Services



NEWS

Air Force WORLDWIDE TALENT CONTEST

*Do you have a Talent?
Do you Dance? Sing?
Play a Musical Instrument?*

CONTESTANTS WANTED:
If you have a talent and would like to enter the AF Worldwide Talent Contest, contact Lynn Warner at the Services Center for an application and information. Selected competitors will perform in the TOPS IN BLUE 2002 tour. Deadline for applications is Monday. For more information, call 605-8974.

Only active duty personnel are authorized to apply for the worldwide level of competition.

Celebrate with your Valentine on Thursday at the PACIFIC COAST CLUB!

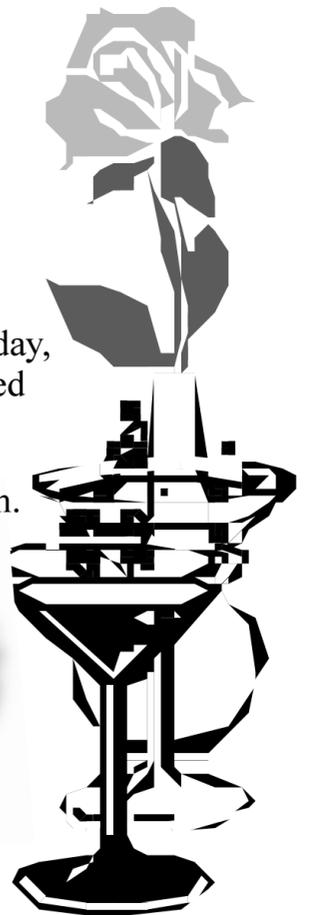
Valentine's Day DINING SPECIAL

Chateau Briand for 2
with salad, desert and complimentary bottle of wine, champagne or sparkling cider (includes a flower for the ladies)
\$3995*

Thursday, Served 6 to 8 p.m.

Chicken Monterey/Blackened Salmon Fillet for 2
with 1/2 carafe of wine, salad and desert (includes a flower for the ladies)
\$3495*

Members receive discount at the door. Just show your club card!



For reservations, call 734-4375.

V.I.T.T.
Vandenberg Leisure Tours

LAS VEGAS Turnaround

MARCH 2-3 \$40
(with \$25 returned, see below)

Transportation by large, restroom-equipped motorcoach. Leave base 6 a.m., arrive California Hotel & Casino, downtown Las Vegas approximately 3 p.m. Twelve hours to spend as you wish - NO monitoring. \$25 back in cash, play and food coupons. Leave Las Vegas, 3 a.m., arrive back at base approximately noon, Sunday. Call 606-7976 for more information.

BOWLING

ANNUAL YOUNG AMERICAN BOWLING ALLIANCE TOURNAMENT
The Bowling Center is host and the Santa Barbara County YABA Bowling Association is conducting this tournament on Saturday and Sunday. Team event: 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., Saturday. Doubles and Singles: Sunday. Cost: \$6.50 per event.

There are four divisions according to age group and bowlers must be Santa Barbara County Sanctioned Bowlers. Contact the Bowling Center for entry blanks and details at 734-1310.

FITNESS

SATURDAY - Indoor Cycling, 8 a.m., Services Center
MONDAY - A.M. Abs, 7:05 to 7:20 a.m. Location: Basketball Court
TUESDAY - Resist-a-ball Advanced, 1 to 1:30 p.m. Fitness Center
WEDNESDAY - Fitness Assessment Testing, noon Sign up at front desk

FIND A FITNESS BUDDY - Sign up at the Fitness Center to find a buddy with similar goals. The Fitness Center will try to match people up.

For more information on these programs, call 606-3834.

YOUTH SPORTS SIGN-UPS

BASEBALL - BOYS and GIRLS, ages 5 to 13
Registrations: continuing through Feb. 22, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Youth Center. Cost: \$50 (\$45 with Y/C membership) Skills Day: Baseball, Feb. 23.

SOFTBALL - GIRLS, ages 8 to 16
Registrations: continuing through Feb. 22, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Youth Center. Cost: \$50 (\$45 with Y/C membership) Skills Day: Softball, Feb. 23.

*Players ages 14 to 16: a sign-up list will be taken to see if there is enough interest to form this division.

Volunteers are needed for both sports: league president, vice president, field commissioners, uniform/equipment commissioner, secretary, coaches, and umpires. For more information, call the Youth Center at 606-2152.

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PRICE IS RIGHT TV Taping

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March 21 \$40 per person
Must be 18 years old with 2 forms of ID.

Transportation by luxury restroom-equipped motorcoach. For more information, call 606-7976.

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NOW THROUGH THURSDAY - Pro Shop Valentine's Day Sale, 10 percent off everything, excluding items already on sale.

YOUTH CENTER

TWIRLING CLASSES - ages 4 and up, combine with Lompoc classes to march in local parades. Cost: \$29 (\$24 for youth center members) for a six-week session. Classes instructed by Nickie Rains. Come by the Youth Center to register or call 606-2152 for more information.



Curtis Dunster is the new program specialist at Outdoor Recreation. He brings with him ten years experience in Outdoor Recreation programs. Born at Castle AFB in Atwater, Calif., he began working for Services in Outdoor Rec in the late 80's. His travels include include RAF Chicksands, England, Castle AFB, and Edwards AFB. If you are looking for fun and adventure in the great outdoors, give Curtis a call at 606-5908!

V A N D E N B E R G Leisure Travel

We're giving away a seven-day luxury cruise for two aboard Holland American Cruise Lines!

USA Information, Tickets and Travel is running their annual sweepstakes joint promotion with Holland America Cruise Lines. Come in and register to win a seven-day luxury Caribbean cruise for two! No purchase necessary.

Visit your local Vandenberg Leisure Travel office located in the Service Center, and check out all the special discounts available on cruising.

Make Vandenberg Leisure Travel your one stop for all your travel needs!

For more information, call Edwina at 606-1675, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

30th Support Group



Staff Sgt. Rye Bavin, Airman Leadership School Instructor inspects Senior Airman Christopher Hoskins haircut at ALS. (Right) Sylvia Blanchard, Child Development Center, waits for a child at the bottom of a slide. The CDC provides child care for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years.



Senior Airman John Smith, 30th Security Forces Squadron fish and wildlife flight, shows Joshua Mann a shell fish at Seal Beach. Smith helps patrol, monitor and protect Vandenberg's 42 miles of coastline.



Airman 1st Class Eddie Casiano, 30th Security Forces Squadron, waves cars through the Santa Maria Gate during his night shift. More than 580 30th SFS members provides around-the-clock security and law enforcement support for Vandenberg's 99,000 acres and more than 15,000 people daily.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Jessica Ramos

The 30th Support Group provides security, law enforcement, disaster response, civil engineering, base services, mission support, and morale services.

- The 30th Security Forces Squadron provides more than 580 people for around-the-clock security and law enforcement support for Vandenberg. The squadron provides services in several areas including government resource protection, pass and registration, security clearance, crime prevention, law enforcement, traffic control, installation entry procedures, internal and perimeter security, base confinement facilities, military working dogs, and fish and wildlife protection.
- The 30th Mission Support Squadron's people manage the Military Personnel Flight, Civilian Personnel Flight, Airman Leadership School, Education Services Flight, First Term Airman Center and family support activities on base. The squadron aims to ensure customer satisfaction and improve the care of base members.
- The 30th Services Squadron operates programs and facilities for fitness, lodging, subsistence, recreation, child development, youth activities and library resources to enhance the quality of life for the base community.
- The 30th Civil Engineer

Squadron is the Air Force Space Command's largest base civil engineering organization. The squadron furnishes missile engineering, power production, engineering and contracts, real estate, environmental protection forces, and fire protection for base structures and family housing units, as well as fire hazard awareness and fire prevention programs. The squadron is also responsible for facilities and utilities maintenance, military family housing assignments and maintenance as well as explosive ordinance disposal. This squadron operates six permanent fire stations and 30 fire fighting vehicles and major equipment items. Base firefighters provide wildland fire suppression and have mutual assistance agreements with Santa Barbara County for support as needed. There are nearly 150 full time civilian and military firefighters and a summer hire program to train people for wildland fire fighting.

- The Improvement Now Store in Bldg. 11146 provides self-help, carpet and interior decoration services, and manages the Military Family Housing U-Fix-It program's management. The U-Fix-It office furnishes single-stop shopping for most lawn and minor home maintenance items.



Senior Airman Damion McElroy, 30th Security Forces Squadron, dishes up a salad at Breakers Dining Hall.



Scott Mcmann and Airman Eric Carlson combat a fire at the Aircraft Rescue Fire Training pit here.



Mary Hernandez (left) and Dianna Aguilar work together to prepare a lodging room for it's next guest.



Airman 1st Class Jennifer Palace, 30th Mission Support Squadron, takes a picture of Julia Noe for her ID card, while Capt. Brian Noe looks on.



Tech. Sgt. David Hollingworth, 30th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, performs a steal test to determine if he must explode the mock pipe bomb.

30th Support Group accolades

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| <p>30th Civil Engineer Squadron
 2001 Air Force Space Command Awards
 Outstanding Civil Engineer Unit (large category)
 Gen. White Cultural Resources Management Award
 Outstanding Fire Protection Flight
 Outstanding Environmental Flight
 Maj. Gen. Ahearn Enlisted Leadership Award - Chief
 Master Sgt. Richard Johnson
 Gen White Restoration Excellence Award - Bea Kephart</p> <p>2001 Air Force Awards
 Air Force Environmental Award
 Restoration Award for individual excellence - Bea Kephart</p> <p>2001 AFSPC ORI Professional Performers
 1st Lt. Jason Glynn Tech Sgt. Robert Tuttle
 Tech. Sgt. Duncan Parson Staff Sgt. William Session
 Staff Sgt. Jason Bunning Samuel Beaton</p> <p>2001 AFSPC ORI Professional Teams
 Hot Shots Wildland Fire Fighting Team
 Confined Space Rescue Team
 Structural Fire Team
 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight
 Prime BEEF Equipment Pallet Team</p> | <p>Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Cell
 Minimum Operating Strip Selection Team
 Confined Space Entry Team</p> <p>30th Services Squadron
 2001 AFSPC awards
 Hennessy Award: 2001 and 2002
 Military Manager of the Year Tech. Sgt. Steve Grimm
 Civilian Manager of the Year Mary Covington
 Child Care Provider of the Year Teresa Webb</p> <p>2001 AFSPC ORI Professional Teams
 Combat Support Flight
 Readiness Section of the Year
 2001 AFSPC ORI Professional Performers
 Kim Heuring, Kim Saheim</p> <p>2001 AFSPC ORI Professional Teams
 Combat Support Flight
 Family Member Programs Flight
 Marketing</p> <p>30th Mission Support Squadron
 2001 AFSPC ORI Professional Performers
 Tech. Sgt. Patrick Machado
 2001 AFSPC ORI Professional Teams
 Personnel Support for
 Contingency operation team</p> | <p>Personnel deployment function
 Relocations program assistance office
 Separations/retirements section
 Commander's Support Staff</p> <p>30th Security Forces Squadron
 2001 AFSPC ORI Professional Performers
 Staff Sgt. Michael Holmes Staff Sgt. Mark Piles
 Staff Sgt. David Wagler Staff Sgt. Marjon Robertson
 Senior Airman Joshua Brotemarkle
 Senior Airman Andrew Matthews
 Airman 1st Class Michael Hall
 Airman 1st Class David Villanueva Jr.
 Airman 1st Class Arthur Bloomingdale
 Airman 1st Class Adam Heffley Airman James Marshall</p> <p>2001 AFSPC ORI Professional Teams
 Mobility Section
 Training Section
 Standardization and Evaluation Section
 Combat Arms and Maintenance Section
 Administration and Reports Flight
 Fish and Game Section
 South Gate Entry Control Team - Bravo Flight, Nov. 1
 Apache Interior Security Response Team - Bravo Flight</p> |
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